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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
a multimedia presentation and book signing
with C. EDWARD SPANN, coauthor of
PRESIDENTIAL PRAISE: OUR PRESIDENTS AND THEIR HYMNS
Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present a multimedia presentation and book signing with **C. EDWARD SPANN**, coauthor of **PRESIDENTIAL PRAISE: OUR PRESIDENTS AND THEIR HYMNS**, on Thursday, April 21, 2011. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center. Following the presentation, Dr. Spann will be available to sign copies of his book. This event is free and open to the public.

Attendees will listen to and learn more about the hymns that influenced America's presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush in this multimedia presentation. C. Edward Spann, co-author of **PRESIDENTIAL PRAISE: OUR PRESIDENTS AND THEIR HYMNS**, will offer a unique view of our Commanders-In-Chief -- their relationship to music and the influence of hymns in their lives as president.

C. EDWARD SPANN is the retired Dean of the College of Fine Arts at Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, Texas. He taught hymnology for many years and served as Chairman of the Church Music Division at Shorter College, Houston Baptist University and Dallas Baptist University. He founded a Department of Sacred Music at a Seminary in Sao Paulo, Brazil where he authored a book in Portuguese on the Ministry of Church Music.

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Copies of Dr. Spann's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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